

August 12, 2003

**Public Notice for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste  
Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)**

**Christopherson Homes, Vintage Meadows II Development  
Cloverdale, WDID No. 1B03119WNSO  
Sonoma County**

On June 30, 2003, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Christopherson Homes requesting a Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the Vintage Meadows Development in Sonoma County. The application was deemed complete on August 7, 2003. The proposed project causes disturbances to waters of the state associated with Heron Creek and the Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.00.

The project is located at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Healdsburg Drive in Cloverdale, Sonoma County. The purpose of the project is to develop a 22.2-acre parcel and to build 46 homes. And the project will include filling 450 linear feet of an unnamed stream channel tributary to Heron Creek and the Russian River. The total area to be filled is 0.13 acres. A mitigation and monitoring proposal has been developed to offset the impacts to the stream channel.

Compensatory mitigation for this project will be attained through the creation of 270 feet of stream channel and restoration of 465 feet of stream channel. The stream channel will be created by the removal of a 36-inch culvert and redirecting the flows to a newly created stream channel. The mitigation plan also includes restoring 165 feet of stream channel upstream of the newly created stream channel and 300 feet of stream channel downstream of that channel. The Non-compensatory mitigation measures include the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect water quality.

The City of Cloverdale Planning Commission, as the lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that this project qualifies for a Negative Declaration.

Regional Water Board staff propose to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act Authority. In addition, staff will consider all comments received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this notice. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mona Dougherty at (707) 570-3761 or at [dougmb@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:dougmb@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov) within 21 days of the posting of this notice.